

UNION SETUP, NFCUS ON AGENDA

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Campaign Planned

\$6,000,000 Needed For Expansion

A campaign to raise at least \$6,000,000 will be undertaken by McGill next fall to meet the urgent needs for expansion, Dr. F. Cyril James announced Wednesday.

In the McGill annual report, it was anticipated that by 1965, McGill would have an enrolment of 13,000. Dr. James said that "it seems reasonable to suggest that by 1965 the university should be prepared to offer educational opportunities to about 9,000 or 9,500 carefully selected students."

Four Aims

Dr. James outlined four specific aims for the next ten-year period of expansion. They are: the construction of new buildings, the increasing in size of the academic staff, the building of a new students' union and new residences, and an extension of facilities for postgraduate and professional education.

"Since the most urgent of all problems is the education of the undergraduates who will shortly crowd upon the university, priority must be given to the needs of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Macdonald College."

Projects

Immediate projects include an extension of the Engineering Building, an easterly extension of the Arts Building, a complete modernization of the Biology Building, and a new wing at Purvis Hall.

New teaching laboratories for the Faculty of Medicine will be constructed on Pine Avenue, and additional women's residences will be erected at Macdonald College.

Deficit

Dr. James noted that the university ended the past year with a deficit of \$53,911. "The most important reason for the rapid growth in expenditures during the session is to be found in the decision of the Board of Governors to increase academic salaries in an effort to attract or retain outstanding members of the staff."

McGill's last public campaign for funds was in December, 1948 and January, 1949, when the objective was \$9,075,000.

COMEDY STAR



Dick Nutter is seen in his famous "Drunk Act" which he will preforming at Forum Night, Friday, February 17.

NUTTER IN ICE SHOW WITH "CARNABELLES"

Dick Nutter will be the comedy skating star featured at the Forum, Friday, February 17. Mr. Nutter has skated with professional tours and he has also spent more than six seasons with top amateur shows in Canada. At present he is attending Bishops University where he is the skating star of their Winter Carnival. Dick is planning to join a professional ice show which is starting on tour this spring.

At Bishops University Dick directs a co-ed skating chorus of 16 girls. This chorus line will also appear at Forum Night and they are now called the Carnabelles, formerly the Rockettes. The Carnabelles have been working together since last December under the supervision of Dolce Narizzano and they have been invited to participate in the Sherbrooke Ice Show which is held in April. The

chorus will do a fast moving South American production number called the "Lemon Meringue Mambo".

Latest Fashions To Be Shown At W.U. Cavalcade of Fashion

The annual Women's Union Fashion Show will take place Monday night in the Union Ballroom. This year it is entitled "Cavalcade of Fashion" and will be sponsored by France Del Modes. It will begin at 8:30 pm.

The show is divided into two separate parts. The first half will feature Spring fashions while the second half will be devoted to summer styles. The latest fashions from New York and California will be among the numerous ensembles. The bathing suits should be of interest to everyone.

All proceeds from the Show will be sent to the University Settlement and Health Service. This group does social work in needy communities and has helped many people attend college.

All the models for the show are McGill students. They are: Beverly Bartram, Sue Brewer, Vaughn Cooper, Helen Karrys, Judy Kolp, Mary Ann Lew, Prue Rielly, Judy Rochester, Ilene Riddell, Audrey Rockingham, Merilyn Ross, and Margaret Whalley.

Refreshments will be served at intermission and door prizes will be given out. Tickets are 50 cents each.

STUDENT MEETING AT 1 PM TODAY

The proposed Union House Committee Constitution and a petition to rejoin NFCUS will be two of the main items on the agenda of today's Students' Society meeting, to be held at 1 pm.

The new Union constitution allows for a House Committee with no limit in number of members, which would take a pyramid shape. At the bottom of the pyramid would be the members of an unlimited number of Union Sub-Committees. The chairmen of these committees together with the executive (President of the Union, Women's Vice-President, and Chairman of the Board of Managers) would form a Board of Managers.

Under the proposed constitutions, the Men's Vice-President, as Chairman of the Board of Managers, would have the day-to-day run of the House Committee. He would be appointed and would reside in the Union. The President would hold an executive position and would

be Vice-President of the Students' Society. The Women's Vice-President would act as a liaison between the Students' Union and the Women's Union.

In addition to the pyramid structure, there would be five ex-officio members of the Board, who would be: New Union Committee representative, President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society, President of the Women's Union, and a representative from the Post-Graduate Society.

Experience

According to the proposed constitution, one must have been an active sub-committee member to be considered for appointment as chairman of a sub-committee of Chairman of the Board of Managers. This would insist that in order to be Chairman of the Board of Managers, one must have had experience on the House Committee. In this way, the position would be filled by an experienced person; under the present system, "anyone" can run for this position, and the wider range of jobs of the Chairman of the Board would necessitate having an experience person fill the post.

Les Jonas, Union President, stressed the importance of discussing the proposed changes before the coming Union elections and the end of this academic year.

The motion reads:

WHEREAS, if the President of the Union does not have a more complete and competent executive under him when the move to the new Union will be a reality, administration of the new Union will be almost impossible;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the McGill Union House Committee Constitution be accepted as revised.

NFCUS, Quorum

Also to be discussed at the Students' Society meeting are a motion to rejoin NFCUS under certain conditions, and an amendment to the Students' Society constitution. This amendment states that twenty per cent of the student body must vote to amend the constitution.

At present, a quorum of 300 students is necessary for such a change. Av Cohen, Students' Society President, urges that as many students as possible attend today's meeting at 1 pm in the Union Ballroom "in order to deal with the important issues at stake".

SCOPE To Present Pianist Karl Engel

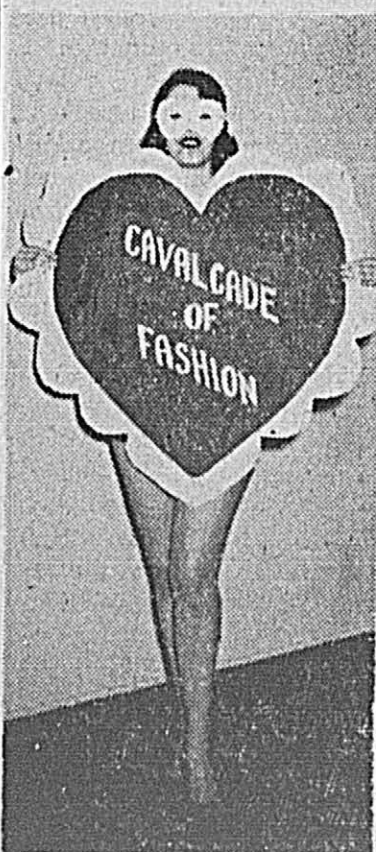
On Monday, February 13, the Musical Youth of Canada will present the Swiss Pianist Karl Engel. The performance is under the auspices of SCOPE and will be held in Moyse Hall starting at 8:30.

Included in the recital will be works by Beethoven, Mozart and Schumann. A special rate of 6 cents has been offered to McGill students, and tickets may be obtained at the door.

Mr. Engel studied music at the Conservatory of Bale under the direction of Mr. Paul Baumgartner. In 1945, he won a scholarship which enabled him to pursue his studies at the Normal School in Paris with Mr. Alfred Cortot and Miss Reine Gianoli. After finishing this course, Mr. Engel obtained a Concert Licence in 1948. In 1951, he made a concert tour in Italy from Busoni to Bolzano.

Recently, Mr. Engel came to Canada after successful appearances in such European countries as Germany, Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland.

A Valentine?



An anonymous model poses to advertise the forthcoming W.U. Fashion Show.

Editorials

UNJUST

The Principal's promulgation, contained in the McGill University Annual Report, 1954-55, suggests that McGill's entrance requirements will have to be stiffened in the future, in order that a smaller percentage of students seeking admission be accepted. This action will become necessary, continues the report, because of the expected rise in the student population in the next ten years.

If McGill were to keep pace with the population increase, it would have to expand its facilities to accommodate 13,000 students. The Principal contends that such a move is neither practical nor desirable; McGill, as proposed, will prepare itself for only 9,500 students.

The report reasons that at present 54% of the students who enter the Faculty of Engineering do not graduate in the normal period of study; and 43% do not graduate at all. It is implied that figures in the other Faculties are comparable.

It concludes that the students that do not complete their University education should not have been admitted in the first place. In this way the pre-university screening is justified. We question whether this justification is a valid one.

To postulate that high school ratings will provide an adequate indication of the applicant's aptitude for college is to make a questionable premise. The only safe assumption is that a high school honor student will almost always make the grade, while the lower third class student will not. However neither of these groups will be affected by the proposed revision. It is the 60-80% group that will suffer, and in this category the precise mark that the high school student manages is largely irrelevant.

The high school student of Quebec is comparatively young. He graduates at the age of 17 years. His career has not prepared him for the shock of college. It is impossible to guess his reaction. He must be given every opportunity to prove his worth in the university community.

We cannot agree with Dr. James. McGill must make every effort to accommodate the expected increase through the first two years of its training program. Dr. James fears that the large classes will be detrimental. We agree, but large classes are numerous today in the initial years. They will become larger with 9500 students. The comparative inconvenience caused, in this respect, with an additional 4000 students is almost negligible.

Once it has accepted the students McGill can make survival as hard as it pleases in order that classes may be trimmed down to manageable size in the final two years. Otherwise, because of the peculiar educational facilities offered in the Province, it will deny, unjustly, the benefits of higher education to a great number of deserving students.

PREMATURE

The Students' Society will be asked to rejoin the National Federation of Canadian University Students, NFCUS, at a general meeting this afternoon. The motion, presented to the President in the form of a petition, asks that the McGill student body be willing to accept NFCUS membership provided that the Federation comply to certain modifications of its constitution. It is felt, by the perpetrators of the resolution, that such a tool, adroitly handled, would provide great bargaining advantage at the next NFCUS conference.

It seems to us that the postulation, though sincere, is a trifle premature. Now is not the time for such a motion to be brought to a vote NFCUS was thrown out last year after a heated controversy. The student body was divided into two distinct opposing camps, and the fate of the question rested with the side whose forces were at the meeting in greater number. The schism is still evident now, though not as clearly defined. It is conceivable that the meeting, this year, will vote in favor of the principle of a National Federation. But what of next year? Is it not likely that a petition with an opposing motion be drawn up and carried? Such a precarious arrangement would benefit neither the students of McGill nor NFCUS.

NFCUS has taken some tangible steps forward since McGill seceded. However it has not yet attained a position that will be readily accepted by a clear majority of students. The future looks promising. We urge that the motion be tabled until the smoke has cleared away, when a clear opinion exists, when NFCUS has matured further, and when the students of McGill University can vote without the bias of political railroading.

Bigotry in Alabama

Sir:

The press and radio dispatches have been carrying accounts on Alabama University students refusing to allow the admission of a female Negro student.

While it might be in place for us northerners to mind our own business on such matters, an expression of opinion is certainly in place, I think. It's a damn shame that potential talent must go to waste because of narrow-minded bigotry. Shenanigans of this sort on the part of the unschooled southern whites could be partially forgiven, since they are ruled by rather primitive instincts and can't be expected to know any better, but I find it difficult to understand how such attitudes of bigotry could continue to exist in university students, of all people, supposedly the "cream of the crop." Is Alabama really operating a university, or is the thing just a farce?

I hate having to run down the university in question, but if it can allow its students to maintain such outdated attitudes which create hardship and suffering to other members of the human race, then it no longer deserves the title of university. Where are its books and courses on the Humanities?

Can any anatomy student at Alabama University tell me what he finds so different in a Negro: few millimetres in the epidermis?

Is it not true that the pigments Carotene and melanin, which determine skin coloration, can be found in varying concentrations in all of us? whether black, yellow or white? Made of the same stuff basically, aren't we, or have Alabama's biochemistry profls flunked out?

I suggest that some national or international student organization look into this matter and see to it that the unfortunate girl is transferred to a more enlightened university, so that she does not lose the only chance she may ever get. She is displaying a determination to be readmitted to Alabama U. despite the threats of mob violence.

Doesn't she deserve a break of some kind?

Ron Fleishman.

The Moon is Blue

Sir:

It was amusing to read an editorial condemning the Philosophical and Literary Society of passivity and cliquishness in an issue of the Daily on the front page of which, as large as life, was an announcement of the Society's 10th open meeting of the session! One might, in New Yorkerish whimsy, ask the editors, "What page of the Daily d'a Read?"

The editorial acquires a character of positive gaiety if one knows that the particular editor responsible for it is a gentleman who, though repeatedly urged to attend the Society's meetings, has never once bothered to show up!

The Society does not, therefore, feel a sense of profound rebuke. When a man tells you that the moon is blue, you don't stomp your feet and call him a damned liar. You merely ask piously that he life his eyes and look at it. If he refuses, one must, out of good

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manners, offer him the pretense of polite interest, but one is quite justified in wishing privately that he'd shut up.

The Society, therefore, although it congratulates this editor on his deep interest in student activities, which it shares fully, is nevertheless unwillingly compelled to offer him stern reproof.

Some of the criticisms aimed at the Society were those of passivity and narrow cliquishness. It was reported to have had two or three sporadic meetings last term.

Firstly, the Society had not two or three, but nine meetings last term.

Secondly, the Society is not cliquish. This misconception may have arisen from the fact that most of the meetings have been conducted in private homes. But there is an excellent reason for this. There is an atmosphere of easy informality in a capacious and hospitable living room which is unavailable in the stiff chairs of a draughty lecture hall. There is, consequently, an intensity of discussion not available elsewhere. Students from all years and faculties find themselves feeling a sense of community essential to the discussion of exciting philosophical ideas with which many of them are not familiar. They feel themselves sharing in the discussion.

The Society is therefore not a clique. It is wide open to all students. It wants to share the excitement of ideas.

This year, too, for the first time, members of the staff and non-students are urged to attend. They have responded enthusiastically, and join right in with the students in hammer and tong discussion. The Society is trying to establish a close sharing of ideas not only between staff and students, but between the University community and the wider community of which the University community is a part. It's growing number of enthusiasts include undergraduates of all years and faculties, post-graduate students, members of the staff, a Protestant leader, an eminent rabbi, several students of the University of Montreal, and intelligent people from off the campus altogether.

The Society is bigger and more active this year than ever before. Its popularity is growing at an alarming rate, which it hopes will continue.

Lastly, the long defunct Writers' Club, a branch of the Society, is being revived this year. Its first meeting is next week. The Society feels that its record this year is not entirely a bad one.

The Society would be grateful to the Daily if they would point out any real faults of its policy or of its execution of this policy. It assures the campus that every effort will be made to remedy them. It has by no means achieved all its aims, and would welcome any constructive criticism helping it to do so.

It congratulates the Editor for his interest, and hopes that this will wax sufficient for him to join the group and find out what it's all about.

The Executive.

Bad Boys!

Sir:

A letter was submitted for publication yesterday in your letters to the editor column. It concerned the motion about NFCUS, to be debated by the Students' Society.

The letter in question was one urging the Students to vote in favour of the resolution. Some thirty members of the Students' Society — among them many students leaders — signed the letter.

Well, what happened? The Editor of this most impartial, unprejudiced, unbiased, literary publication refused to print the said material.

Now it has been known for a long time that the Daily always prints articles submitted to it without cutting, without butchering, without changing the context, etc. A good example of this is a letter by this writer, yesterday, from which two of the most important paragraphs were cut. Let us face the facts, the Daily never made a mistake in its long career of existence. Moreover it is the undeniable right of the Editor of this beloved paper of ours to refuse the publication of any material he chooses; especially if this writing concerns a political issue on campus to which the members of the Managing Board happen to be opposed to. It is most generous of him to even offer an excuse that there were too many signatures on the letter. After all, the more students want a thing, the less space they can expect in the Daily.

It is also hoped that thanks to his wonderful spirit of co-operation there will be no quorum present at the Students' Society Meeting — unless this writer unfortunately spoils our beloved Editor's scheming. Should there be a quorum present, the only thing we can hope for is that the resolution will be defeated thanks to adequate lack of publicity.

An invitation is extended to all
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